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PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The purpose of this notice is to state the Department's intention to issue a General Permit as described in this notice and to hold a public hearing on the issuance of this permit. This permit is issued by the Department under the authority of 75-5-402, Montana Code Annotated (MCA); the Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) 17.30.1301 *et seq.*, Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES); and Sections 402 and 303 of the Federal Clean Water Act. The Water Protection Bureau has prepared a draft permit for the facility listed below. Copies of the draft permit, fact sheet and environmental assessment are available upon request from the Water Protection Bureau or on the Department's website www.deq.mt.gov.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICANT:	Concentrated Aquatic Animal Production Facilities
FACILITY NAME:	Various - See Fact Sheet
FACILITY LOCATION:	Various – See Fact Sheet
RECEIVING WATER:	State Waters
PERMIT NUMBER:	MTG130000

This is a reissuance of the Concentrated Aquatic Animal Production Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) general permit. The permit authorizes wastewater discharges from fish hatcheries in Montana. These facilities utilize flow through raceways or pond systems to rear fish for stocking in state waters. The permit requires the development of a Best Management Practices (BMP) plan to control the discharge of waste solids to state waters and requires treatment of wastes at facilities that produce 20,000 pound or more of fish per year. The BMP plan must also address the use of any drugs and chemicals at each facility. The permit requires facilities to monitor their discharges for total suspended solids (TSS), total nitrogen, and total phosphorus. Additional requirements that apply to individual facilities are discussed in the Fact Sheet.

A public hearing will be held on January 27, 2016. During the public hearing DEQ will record public comment. The public hearing is scheduled to begin at 8:00 A.M. on January 27, 2016, in Room 45 of the Lee Metcalf Building located at 1520 E. 6th Avenue in Helena, Montana.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS January 27, 2016. Comments may be directed to the DEQ Permitting & Compliance Division, Water Protection Bureau, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620. All comments received or postmarked PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS January 27, 2016 will be considered in the formulation of final determinations to be imposed on the permits. If you wish to comment electronically, you may e-mail the Department at DEQWPBPublicComments@mt.gov.

A public hearing will be held on the draft wastewater discharge permit, the fact sheet, environmental assessment, and the Department's tentative determination on January 27, 2016, 8:00 A.M. at the DEQ Metcalf Building located at 1520 E. 6th Ave in Helena, Montana.

The Department will respond to all substantive comments and issue a final decision within sixty days of this notice or as soon as possible thereafter. Additional information may be obtained upon request by calling (406) 444-3080 or by writing to the aforementioned address. The complete administrative record, including permit application and other pertinent information, is maintained at the Water Protection Bureau office in Helena and is available for review during business hours.

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